Council on Postsecondary Education Committee on Equal Opportunities October 21, 2013

Diversification of Kentucky's Public Postsecondary Institutions Boards

At the May 20, 2013, CEO meeting, the Council staff provided an update regarding the institutions' progress in implementing and achieving the objectives outlined in their Institutional Diversity Plans.

Members of the CEO expressed concern that the Boards of Regents/Trustees at several of Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions do not reflect diversity. Members agreed that a request should be made for the CPE chair to forward a letter to the office of the Governor (Executive Director for Boards and Commissions) expressing support for the appointment of African Americans, as well as other diverse groups, to the boards when vacancies become available.

The attached letter (Attachment A) was sent to the Executive Director of Boards and Commissions, June 6, 2013. Council staff received notification in August that the Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents includes diverse representation.

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